

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A raisable panel suspendable from a rod, when raised the panel is free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping, the panel comprising: (i) a horizontally extending top and a horizontally extending bottom; (ii) a front side and a back side; (iii) a plurality of horizontally extending vertically spaced slats; the slats are positioned along the panel, the slats are substantially parallel with the top of the panel; (iv) a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, and non-releasably operably engaged with the panel, and wherein the sleeve comprises at least two separate sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of the rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel; the sleeve is adapted to enable the installation to be completed onto the rod without collateral hardware; (v) a plurality of rows of vertically spaced guide elements on the back side of the panel, multiple pull cords secured at or near the bottom of the panel at laterally spaced locations corresponding to the row of guide elements, each pull cord passing through one row of vertically spaced guide elements from the bottom of the panel to the uppermost guide element, and then being guided to extend extending laterally along across at least a portion of the panel at or near a top of the panel; the guide elements defining vertically spaced fold lines to form predetermined horizontally stacking pleats when the panel is raised, wherein the length of the pleats are substantially parallel to the top of the panel; and (vi) when the pull cord is pulled down, thereby causing the panel folds upon itself laterally along the fold lines defined by the guide elements, thereby forming a series of predetermined horizontally stacking pleats free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping; the pleats gathering in a lateral direction on the back side of the panel, the overlapping pleats forming longitudinally extending folds.

2. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the horizontally stacking pleats comprising a front pleat, each pleat having a bottom; the bottom of each pleat being substantially even with the bottom of the front pleat when the panel is fully raised.

3. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the sleeve is a tab-backed sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel.

4. (Original) The panel of claim 5, wherein the sleeve extends continuously along the top of the panel.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the sleeve comprises multiple tabs extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel.

7. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the panel comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of natural fabric or synthetic fabric.

8. (Original) The panel of claim 7, wherein the natural fabric is cotton, linen or silk.

9. (Original) The panel of claim 7, wherein the synthetic fabric is polyester or nylon.

10. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein, the panel is a room divider.

11. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the panel is a wall hanging.

12. (Original) The panel of claim 1, further comprising a planar bottom edge.

13. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the length of the panel is about 30 inches, about 35 inches, about 40 inches, about 52 inches, or about 72 inches.

14. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the width of the panel is about 75 inches, about 72 inches, or about 84 inches.

15. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the slat comprises a narrow strip.
16. (Original) The panel of claim 1, wherein the slat comprises a dowel.
17. (Original) The panel of claim 1, further comprising 2 to 10 slats.
18. (Original) The panel of claim 1, further comprising 2 to 6 pull cords.
19. (Currently Amended) A raisable window treatment suspendable from a rod, when raised the window treatment is free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping; the window treatment comprising: (i) a horizontally extending top and a horizontally extending bottom; (ii) a front side and a back side; (iii) a plurality of horizontally extending vertically spaced slats; the slats are positioned along the panel, the slats are substantially parallel to the top of the panel; (iv) a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the window treatment, and non-releasably operably engaged with the window treatment, wherein the sleeve comprises at least two separate sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of the rod through the sleeve for installation of the window treatment; the sleeve is adapted to enable the installation to be completed onto the rod without collateral hardware; (v) a plurality of rows of vertically spaced guide elements on the back side of the panel, and multiple pull cords secured at or near the bottom of the panel at laterally spaced locations corresponding to the row of guide elements, each pull cord passing through one row of vertically spaced guide elements from the bottom of the panel to the uppermost guide element, and then being guided to extend laterally along across at least a portion of the panel at or near of a top of the panel; the guide elements defining vertically spaced fold lines to form predetermined horizontally stacking pleats when the window treatment is raised, wherein the length of the pleats are substantially parallel to the top of the panel; and (vi) when the pull cord is pulled downward, panel folds upon itself laterally along the fold lines defined by the guide elements; thereby forming a series of predetermined horizontally stacking pleats free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping; the pleats gathering in a lateral direction on the back side of the panel, the pleats forming longitudinally extending folds.

20. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the sleeve is a tab-backed sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel.

21. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the sleeve extends continuously along the top of the panel.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the sleeve comprises multiple tabs extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel.

24. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the panel comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of natural fabric or synthetic fabric.

25. (Original) The window treatment of claim 24, wherein the natural fabric is cotton, linen or silk.

26. (Original) The window treatment of claim 24, wherein the synthetic fabric is polyester or nylon.

27. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the window treatment accommodates a plurality of window sizes when suspended.

28. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 19, further comprising a planar bottom edge.

29. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the length of the panel is about 30 inches, about 35 inches, about 40 inches, about 52 inches, or about 72 inches.

30. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the width of the panel is about 75 inches, about 72 inches, or about 84 inches.

31. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the slat comprises a narrow strip.

32. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, wherein the slat comprises a dowel.

33. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, further comprising 2 to 10 slats.

34. (Original) The window treatment of claim 19, further comprising 2 to 6 pull cords.

35. (Currently Amended) A raisable panel suspendable from a rod, when raised the panel is substantially free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping; the panel comprising: (i) a horizontally extending top and a horizontally extending bottom; (ii) a front side and a back side; (iii) a plurality of horizontally extending vertically spaced slats; (iv) multiple rings at or near the top of the panel, and non-releasably operably engaged with the panel, to enable insertion of the rod through the rings for installing and suspending the panel; the rings being adapted to enable installation of the panel to be completed onto the rod without collateral hardware; (v) a plurality of rows of vertically spaced guide elements on the back side of the panel, and multiple pull cords secured at or near the bottom of the panel at laterally spaced locations corresponding to the row of guide elements, each pull cord passing through one row of vertically spaced guide elements from the bottom of the panel to the uppermost guide element, and then being guided to extend extending laterally along across at least a portion of the panel at or near of the top portion of the panel; and (vi) when the panel is raised, the panel folds upon itself laterally along fold lines defined by the guide elements, thereby forming a series of predetermined horizontally stacking pleats free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping.

36. (Original) The panel of claim 35, wherein, the panel is a fabric panel.

37. (Original) The panel of claim 35, wherein, the panel is a room divider.

38. (Original) The panel of claim 35, wherein the panel is a wall hanging.

39. (Original) The panel of claim 35, further comprising a planar bottom edge.

40. (Original) The panel of claim 35, wherein the length of the panel is about 30 inches, about 35 inches, about 40 inches, about 52 inches, or about 72 inches.

41. (Original) The panel of claim 35, wherein the width of the panel is about 75 inches, about 72 inches, or about 84 inches.

42. (Original) The panel of claim 35, wherein the slat comprises a narrow strip.

43. (Original) The panel of claim 35, wherein the slat comprises a dowel.

44. (Original) The panel of claim 35, further comprising 2 to 10 slats.

45. (Original) The panel of claim 35, further comprising 2 to 6 pull cords.

46. (Currently Amended) A raisable window treatment suspendable from a rod, when raised the window treatment is free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping, the panel comprising: (i) a horizontally extending top and a horizontally extending bottom; (ii) a front side and a back side; (iii) a plurality of horizontally extending vertically spaced slats; the slats are positioned along the panel, the slats are substantially parallel with the top of the panel; (iv) multiple rings at or near the top of the panel, and non-releasably operably engaged with the panel, to enable insertion of the rod through the rings for installing and suspending the panel; the rings being adapted to enable installation of the panel to be completed onto the rod without

collateral hardware; (v) a plurality of rows of vertically spaced guide elements on the back side of the panel, multiple pull cords secured at or near the bottom of the panel at laterally spaced locations corresponding to the row of guide elements, each pull cord passing through one row of vertically spaced guide elements from the bottom of the panel to the uppermost guide element, and then being guided to extend extending laterally along across at least a portion of the panel at or near a top of the panel; the guide elements defining vertically spaced fold lines to form predetermined horizontally stacking pleats when the panel is raised, wherein the length of the pleats are substantially parallel to the top of the panel; and (vi) when the pull cord is pulled down, the window treatment folds upon itself laterally along the fold lines defined by the guide elements, thereby forming a series of predetermined horizontally stacking pleats free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping; the pleats gathering in a lateral direction on the back side of the panel, the overlapping pleats forming longitudinally extending folds.

47. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, wherein the panel is a fabric panel.

48. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, wherein, the panel is a room divider.

49. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, wherein the panel is a wall hanging.

50. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, further comprising a planar bottom edge.

51. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, wherein the length of the panel is about 30 inches, about 35 inches, about 40 inches, about 52 inches, or about 72 inches.

52. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, wherein the width of the panel is about 75 inches, about 72 inches, or about 84 inches.

53. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, wherein the slat comprises a narrow strip.

54. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, wherein the slat comprises a dowel.

55. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, further comprising 2 to 10 slats.

56. (Original) The window treatment of claim 46, further comprising 2 to 6 pull cords.

57. (Currently Amended) A raisable panel suspendable from a rod, when raised the panel is free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping; the panel comprising: (i) a horizontally extending top and a horizontally extending bottom; (ii) a front side and a back side; (iii) a plurality of horizontally extending vertically spaced slats; the slats are positioned along the panel, the slats are substantially parallel to the top of the panel; (iv) a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, and non-releasably operably engaged with the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises at least two separate sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of the rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel; the sleeve being adapted to enable installation of the panel to be completed onto any rod without collateral hardware; (v) at least one pull cord coupled to the panel and configured to raise and lower the panel; (vi) means at least one pulley for receiving the at least one pull cord and guiding the pull cord along the panel; (vii) a locking mechanism for raising and lowering the panel engaging the at least one pull cord to lock the panel in a vertically raised position and disengaging the pull cord to lower the panel; and (viii) when the panel is raised, the panel folds upon itself laterally forming a series of predetermined horizontally stacking pleats free of ballooning, billowing and scalloping.

58. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the horizontally stacking pleats comprising a front pleat, each pleat having a bottom; the bottom of each pleat being substantially even with the bottom of the front pleat when the panel is fully raised.

59. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the sleeve is a tab-backed sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel.

60. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the sleeve extends continuously along the top of the panel.

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the sleeve comprises multiple tabs extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel.

63. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the panel comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of natural fabric or synthetic fabric.

64. (Original) The panel of claim 63, wherein the natural fabric is cotton, linen or silk.

65. (Original) The panel of claim 63, wherein the synthetic fabric is polyester or nylon.

66. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the panel is a window treatment.

67. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein, the panel is a room divider.

68. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the panel is a wall hanging.

69. (Original) The panel of claim 57, further comprising a planar bottom edge.

70. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the length of the panel is about 30 inches, about 35 inches, about 40 inches, about 52 inches, or about 72 inches.

71. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the width of the panel is about 75 inches, about 72 inches, or about 84 inches.

72. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the slat comprises a narrow strip.

73. (Original) The panel of claim 57, wherein the slat comprises a dowel.

74. (Original) The panel of claim 57, further comprising 2 to 10 slats.

75. (Original) The panel of claim 57, further comprising 2 to 6 pull cords.

76. (New) The panel of claim 1, wherein each pull cord extends laterally across at least a portion of the panel substantially parallel to the top of the panel.

77. (New) The panel of Claim 1, wherein a free end of each pull cord further extends vertically downward along the panel.

78 (New) The panel of Claim 77, wherein each pull cord extends in the same lateral direction and vertically downward proximate to one another such that each of the pull cords may be pulled simultaneously.

79 (New) The panel of Claim 1, further comprising at least one pulley for guiding at least one of the pull cords laterally across at least a portion of the panel.

80. (New) The panel of Claim 1, further comprising a self-locking mechanism configured to engage the pull cords and lock the panel in a vertically raised position.